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DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan for development of Food Processing Industry has been formulated by National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurships and Management;

(b) if so, the number of districts of various States selected for this purpose;

(c) whether any criteria has been fixed for selection of these districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the funds released for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C) (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a): National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) is being set up at Kundli, District Sonepat, Haryana, as an international center of excellence to cater to the needs of various stakeholders such as entrepreneurs, industry, exporters,policy makers, government and existing institutions. The mandate of the institute is to create world-class leaders for India's food science and food industry ventures by offering high quality educational and research programs,specific to food industry management and by providing business incubation facility. It would work as a focal point for catalyzing the growth of food processing industries in India with respect to global scenario.

(b) to (e): While mandate towards action plan for state- wise and district-wise development of Food Processing Industry is not directly related to setting up of NIFTEM, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) have various plan schemes to provide financial assistance for the overall growth of food processing sector. MFPI Infrastructure scheme especially envisages a demand-driven and cluster-based approach bringing farmers, processors and retailers together to drive investment in developing food processing infrastructure.